

Rules of the Edgar Stene Prize

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Article 1 - Name and Aim

The designation chosen by the European League against Rheumatism (EULAR) "Edgar Stene Prize" is expressly approved by the Norwegian patient organisation (Norsk Revmatiker Forbund).

The object of the prize is to stimulate the interest of the many people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) in the work of EULAR and especially in the work of their national organisation. It has been established in honor of the memory of the late Edgar Stene, who himself had severe ankylosing spondylitis. He was a great promoter of co-operation between doctors, patients and community workers.

Article 2 - Nature of Entries

The prize will be awarded every year to the best essay contribution submitted by a person with an RMD describing his or her individual experience with living with this disease. Entries may cover such aspects as the patient's view of the way the disease is fought, social welfare, the influence of the disease on family life and work, etc. The present topic of the upcoming essay contest will be announced by EULAR on the EULAR website.

Article 3 - Value and Awarding of the Prize

The value of the prize for the winning essay will be EUR 1,000 and will be offered by EULAR. The prize will be awarded on the occasion of the Annual European Congress of Rheumatology. EULAR will cover hotel accommodation for up to 4 nights at the Congress venue and the travelling expenses. EULAR will award the second best essay with EUR 700 and the third ranking essay with EUR 300.

Article 4 - Conditions of Entry

Entry is open to any person with a rheumatic disease (minimum age of 18 years). Employees of the national patient organisations or scientific leagues/societies are excluded. Entries are to be submitted to the national EULAR member patient organisation by 31 December 2017. Entries can be submitted in the respective national languages and should not exceed 2 pages (typewritten, Arial 12 point, single line space, adequate frames). All entries have to be submitted as WORD documents. **PDF files will not be accepted.**

The national patient organisations shall submit the best entry in the respective national language by e-mail to the EULAR Secretariat by 20 January 2017 at the latest. EULAR will take care that all submitted essays are translated into English by a professional agency.

Entries submitted to the EULAR Secretariat **must** contain the following information **(please note if the information submitted to the EULAR Secretariat is incomplete it will be rejected)**:

- E-mail address / contact telephone number of author
- E-mail address / contact telephone number of liaison person of national league submitting the entry to help facilitate contact with author
- Portrait picture of the author in high resolution
- At least 5 or more personal photographs in high resolution of author related to his/her life and the theme. All pictures need to have captions explaining the content of the pictures
- 2-3 short paragraphs of information about the author including: age, profession, family, home town, hobbies, how he or she learned about the Stene Prize and why he or she chose to participate in the essay contest
- Permission from the author of the essay to be published

Article 5 - Composition of the Jury

The Jury shall comprise five voting members, of whom not more than two shall be doctors, appointed by the EULAR Standing Committee of PARE. The EULAR Vice-President representing national PARE organisations and the Chair of the Standing Committee of PARE shall be ex-officio members of the Jury. Both members have no voting rights. A Jury shall be appointed for each prize and no member may sit more than twice in succession.

Article 6 - Awarding of the Prize

The Stene Prize shall be awarded by an absolute majority decision. If no entry is judged worthy of the prize then it shall not be awarded. The winning contribution and the other entries may be published after the presentation of the prize in whatever form the author, the national organisation or EULAR may decide.

No legal or other objection to the majority decision of the Jury is possible. Any discussions or correspondence concerning the decision are excluded.

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